

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: the Application of: Khiem LE et al.
For: APPARATUS, AND ASSOCIATED METHOD, FOR
 FACILITATING AUTHENTICATION OF A MOBILE STATION
 WITH A CORE NETWORK
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REQUEST FOR COMPLETE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the current Office Action dated November 22, 2006. It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action is incomplete because it fails to respond to applicants' arguments against a reference utilized in the obviousness rejection of the claims, which reference is still being applied in an obviousness rejection of the claims. Applicants' arguments are therefore still relevant and applicants request that the current Office Action be corrected or supplemented to include a response to applicants' arguments.

The previous Office Action dated July 20, 2006 rejected the claims as obvious, relying in part upon Malkin (US Patent No. 6,061,650) as a reference (see part 4 on pages 4-6). On pages 7-8 of the Amendment and Response filed on September 5, 2006, applicants submitted arguments traversing the obviousness rejection. For example, applicants traversed the assertion that the remote access server (RAS) in Malkin identifies the indicia used for authentication of a remote node.

In part 4 on pages 3-8 of the current Office Action, the claims are again rejected as obvious, and the Malkin patent application publication is again relied upon as a reference in the rejection. Part 1 on page 2 of the current Office Action includes Form Paragraph 7.38, which states that applicants' arguments against the obviousness rejection are moot, but which also acknowledges that "Malkin is relied upon for indicia and details regarding the identifier."

Applicants' arguments are still applicable since the Malkin patent is still being relied upon in the obviousness rejection. The MPEP includes an Examiner Note to Form Paragraph 7.38 which states that the examiner "must, however, address any arguments presented by the applicant which are still relevant to any references being applied." Therefore, since the Malkin patent is still being applied in the obviousness rejection, applicants' arguments against it are still relevant and must be addressed.

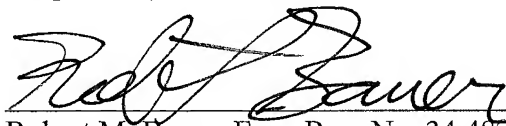
Conclusion

Applicants have requested continued examination and paid the appropriate fees therefore. It is desired that the examination of this application progress accordingly. Applicants respectfully request that the current Office Action be corrected or supplemented to include a response to applicants' arguments against Malkin in the obviousness rejection. Pursuant to MPEP 710.06, applicants request that they have a period of at least one month in which to respond to any corrected or supplemental Office Action.

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Respectfully submitted,



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